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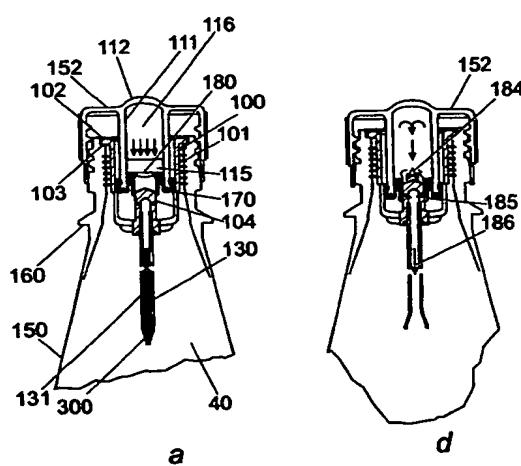
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(54) Title: DEVICE FOR INTRODUCING A PREDETERMINED DOSE OF ADDITIVE INTO A PACKAGED LIQUID



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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to an apparatus for introducing an additive material (131) in the form of a liquid or granulated solid into a liquid (40) stored in a first container (150). The additive component (131) is stored separately from the liquid (40) in a dip tube or conduit (130). The dip tube (130) is a resilient hollow tubular member and has a valve (300) at one end, adapted to open when the dip tube (130) is subject to internal pressure to allow the passage of said additive material (131) therethrough. The valve prevents the additive material (131) from leaking or dripping into the liquid (40) in the first container (150) when the dip tube and first container are at the same pressure, but which allows the passage of liquid or pourable solid additive from the dip tube (130) into the liquid (40) in the first container (150) when the dip tube is pressurised by introduction of propellant fluid (116, 516). A second valve (520) can be used to prevent the additive material (131) from leaking or dripping into a second container (150) which is the source of the pressurised propellant fluid (116, 516).

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Claims, No.:

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims 1-16
	No: Claims
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims 1-16
	No: Claims
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims 1-16
	No: Claims

2. Citations and explanations
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VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:
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VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:
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Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Reference is made to the following document:

D1: WO 98 56678 A.

2. Document D1, which is considered to represent the most relevant state of the art, discloses (cf. claims 1 and 20, page 4, lines 5-11 and 16-20, page 5, lines 4-7, 27-29, page 6, lines 14-30, page 8, lines 16-22, figures 6-7c, 11-13c) an apparatus for introducing an additive material into a first liquid from which the subject-matter of claim 1 differs in that the conduit contains an additive material adapted to be expelled from the conduit into the first liquid by the entry of the propellant fluid into the conduit on release of the releasable closure. Consequently the subject-matter of claim 1 fulfills the requirement of Art. 33(2) PCT.

The problem to be solved by the present invention may therefore be regarded as to provide an alternative conduit.

The solution proposed in claim 1 of the present application can be considered as involving an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT), since the cited prior art does not provide any hint that suggests the conduit as defined in claim 1 to the skilled person. From the cited prior art it is not suggested to provide an additive material in the conduit.

3. Claims 2-16 are dependent on claim 1 and as such also meet the requirements of the PCT with respect to novelty and inventive step.
4. For completeness sake it shall be indicated, that the British Patent Application GB 98 23 578, cited in the description, was filed 29 October 1998. The GB 98 23 578 might be or become relevant state of the art, according to the different national or regional patent laws. At present it appears that GB 98 23 578 discloses all features of claim 1.

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Re Item VII

Certain defects in the international application

1. Independent claim 1 is not in the two-part form in accordance with Rule 6.3(b) PCT, which in the present case would be appropriate, with those features known in combination from the prior art (document D1) being placed in the preamble (Rule 6.3(b)(i) PCT) and with the remaining features being included in the characterising part (Rule 6.3(b)(ii) PCT).
2. The features of the claims 1-16 are not provided with reference signs placed in parentheses (Rule 6.2(b) PCT).
3. Contrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, the relevant background art disclosed in the document D1 is not mentioned in the description, nor is this document identified therein.

Re Item VIII

Certain observations on the international application

1. The application is not clear (Art. 6 PCT), since the reference sign 183 added in figure 2 is not correctly placed. It seems to be identical with reference sign 182, thus constituting a contradiction to the description. According to page 13, lines 1-9 and figures 1c and 1d, reference sign 183 relates to the lower sealing rib, which still seals in figure 1d below the apertures 108.

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The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:
see separate sheet

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Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Reference is made to the following document:

D1: WO 98 56678 A.

2. Document D1, which is considered to represent the most relevant state of the art, discloses (cf. claims 1 and 20, page 4, lines 5-11 and 16-20, page 5, lines 4-7, 27-29, page 6, lines 14-30, page 8, lines 16-22, figures 6-7c, 11-13c) an apparatus for introducing an additive material into a first liquid from which the subject-matter of claim 1 differs in that the conduit contains an additive material adapted to be expelled from the conduit into the first liquid by the entry of the propellant fluid into the conduit on release of the releasable closure. Consequently the subject-matter of claim 1 fulfills the requirement of Art. 33(2) PCT.

The problem to be solved by the present invention may therefore be regarded as to provide an alternative conduit.

The solution proposed in claim 1 of the present application can be considered as involving an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT), since the cited prior art does not provide any hint that suggests the conduit as defined in claim 1 to the skilled person. From the cited prior art it is not suggested to provide an additive material in the conduit.

3. Claims 2-16 are dependent on claim 1 and as such also meet the requirements of the PCT with respect to novelty and inventive step.
4. For completeness sake it shall be indicated, that the British Patent Application GB 98 23 578, cited in the description, was filed 29 October 1998. The GB 98 23 578 might be or become relevant state of the art, according to the different national or regional patent laws. At present it appears that GB 98 23 578 discloses all features of claim 1.

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Certain defects in the international application

1. Independent claim 1 is not in the two-part form in accordance with Rule 6.3(b) PCT, which in the present case would be appropriate, with those features known in combination from the prior art (document D1) being placed in the preamble (Rule 6.3(b)(i) PCT) and with the remaining features being included in the characterising part (Rule 6.3(b)(ii) PCT).
2. The features of the claims 1-16 are not provided with reference signs placed in parentheses (Rule 6.2(b) PCT).
3. Contrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, the relevant background art disclosed in the document D1 is not mentioned in the description, nor is this document identified therein.

Re Item VIII

Certain observations on the international application

1. The application is not clear (Art. 6 PCT), since the reference sign 183 added in figure 2 is not correctly placed. It seems to be identical with reference sign 182, thus constituting a contradiction to the description. According to page 13, lines 1-9 and figures 1c and 1d, reference sign 183 relates to the lower sealing rib, which still seals in figure 1d below the apertures 108.

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